GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5602
ANSWERED ON:30.04.2003
CURTAILMENT OF EXPENDITURE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise expenditure incurred under various heads such as publicity, advertisement, hospitality, catering, opening ceremonies, seminars, conferences, tours (including foreign visits), STD and ISTD telephone bills, electricity bills of airconditioners and coolers and other office expenses in various departments under his Ministry during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government propose to launch any drive to cut down the expenditure being incurred under the above heads;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a)

	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003 (Provisional)
	(Rs. in crores)		
(i) Advertising and publicity	- 15.06	22.52	20.25
(ii) Hospitality/ catering/opening ceremonies	- 20.68	25.24	19.60
(iii) Seminars/conferences	- 0.195	0.39	0 .21
(iv) Tours(including foreign visits)	- 20.71	25.72	26.10
(v) STD/ISTD Bills	- 03.999	03.73	03.15
(vi) Electricity bills(including charges for Airconditioners and coolers as separate bills indicating charges only on this account are	- 01.32	01.10	01.19

not issued.)

(vii) Other office expenses - 28.79 27.55 25.99

(b)&(c) It is a constant endeavour to economise on expenditure being incurred under the above heads.

(d) Does not arise.